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Spring Program Announcements of the PA Institute for Conservation Education * Scholarships available

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY RETREAT

April 28-30, 2006 (Fri eve - Sun) Ohiopyle, PA (Trillium Lodge), Hal Korber

Ohiopyle and its surrounding environs in Southwestern Pennsylvania showcase the splendor of spring's beauty. Waterfalls, forest wildflowers, and beautiful landscapes abound and provide photographic opportunities. Hal Korber will guide all levels of photographic experience towards an end product of extraordinary visual satisfaction. Imagine returning home with a collection of stunning photographs which can be showcased as hanging portraits, shared email images, and greeting cards. An added perk to this offering is the continuing growth of personal knowledge in natural history. All camera formats are acceptable but 35mm and digital formats are encouraged. Tuition: \$525; includes meals, single accommodations at a private lodge, instruction, and ACT 48: 14 CPE credits hours.

BIRDING II: Identifying Birds in the Field for the intermediate level or more experienced birder
May 6 - 7, 2006 (Sat - Sun) Pymatuning State Park and Presque Isle, Chuck Yohn, Ph.D.

In this program, the focus will concentrate on more in-depth field identification of birds especially by song. In addition, you will learn about bird censusing techniques, bird conservation and statewide programs for birders of all levels. Field visits to very special habitats will be explored for marsh and water birds and migrating species. This intermediate level program will emphasize a variety of field birding experiences. Tuition: \$350; includes meals, shared overnight accommodations in private cabins, instruction, and ACT 48: 12 CPE credit hours. (*Academic credit may be available. An additional fee would apply).

AQUATIC INSECTS AND STREAM ECOLOGY

June 3-4, 2006 (Sat - Sun) Lycoming County, Greg Hoover and PICE Instructors

During this class, you will learn from a recognized expert how to identify aquatic insects that live in the streams and rivers of Pennsylvania. This course will offer "hands-on" instruction on the use of dichotomous keys to identify specimens of aquatic insects and their relatives. Sampling, collection, and preservation techniques for aquatic insects will also be addressed. Biology, behavior and ecological requirements are presented in an informal, highly enjoyable atmosphere. In early evening, there will be free time provided for anglers to learn the art and skill of fly fishing and fish some of Pennsylvania's pristine streams (fly rods and gear provided). Tuition: \$350; includes meals, shared accommodations and instruction. ACT 48: 12 CPE credit hour. (*Academic credit may be available. An additional fee would apply).

<http://www.PICEweb.org>

For a registration form with scholarship information, a 2006 catalog with complete listings (available after Feb 15), or more information contact:

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